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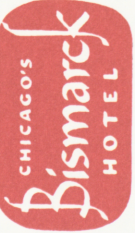
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106 Packard St..Ann Arbor, Mich
August 12, 1986

Dear Gene: Well, well...thanks a million for the book of poetry ,very novel, interesting and impressive I appreciate the kind mention.

I have been wondering how you are ...and write you reg adding a list of books in the case in the hall ..I am sure some of them could be of help in my writing of my biog...etc...also something may help in the FILL UP THE SAUCER..P&B...?? And the black and white picture of the musician..large...did you forget? It is Jimmie Lunceford....and also I would like to have the picture in color from Romare Bearden...of a blind justice presenting an ward to a person..I think it is meant as an honor to myself...

I am ready to send whatever oosts may be involved in sending the requested articles, et c....I just got back from Chicago attending the National Assoc of Negro Musicians.. So exciting to meet hundreds from all over the US....such wonderful performances by young and old..I was on a special brown bag affair.."I Remember When"...and it made a great impression. Rturning to the poetry matter Seems there is a n increase in interest in poetry..I think it should be a part of every child's education. ...contributes to their sens e of morality..


Another thing I would like to have is the tribute
from Windsor and United States...the first Annual
Award...I hope you can understand what I mean...it is
needed in my Collection here..which is being enlarged.
Dr . James Standifer is he Curator.

I hope you are growing better and better , health-
worse and that Little Momma is Okeh..and the old
family mascot..holding her own..(dog)

I get pretty lonely at times..especially after
having spent some time with a crowd, as in Chicago..
August 3-9th.

I must ~~lose~~..mail is due and I must
get this off to you.

Congratulations and affection...



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